

MILLIONS IN GIFTS BY WOMEN

Lavish Liberality of the Fair Sex Toward Philanthropic Institutions.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH DONATED

Higher Education Makes the Strongest Appeal to Feminine Sympathies—Vast Sums Expended for Memorials.

While the following is not a complete record of women's gifts for the cause of charity during 1899, it approximates the magnificent sum of \$16,000,000, or over \$1,600,000 every month, of this amount the largest single gift was made by Mrs. Anna Gould.

With the ending of the year and century one may perhaps be pardoned for dropping into statistics statistics proving the splendid munificence of American women to schools, churches, art institutions and philanthropic enterprises.

To hark back a little; the total of gifts and bequests for the five years—1893 through 1897—in this country were more than \$165,000,000—that is gifts from private fortunes for public use. Of this \$145,000,000 was given during 1897. In 1898 in New York City alone \$25,000,000 was given away in charity. During the same year the gifts of thirty-four women in the United States for higher education amounted to \$4,416,400.

For Educational Purposes. The record of gifts to charity and for educational purposes by women in this country for the year now ending is a noble one.

Half a million dollars, given by Mrs. Lydia Bradley of Peoria, Ill., made the list. It was presented last summer to the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, and constituted her second donation, the first being a gift of the land on which the institute was built and the money to build it. That involved a sum approximating \$250,000. In addition Mrs. Bradley has given to Peoria 147 acres of land for a park, she has built a church, a home for aged women and many other smaller institutions.

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